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SUBJECT: RALPH KAREPA, FIRST SECRETARY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
MISSION TO UN

REF: PORT MORESBY 298

1. KAREPA WAS ASSIGNED TO NEW YORK IN JULY 1974 WITH THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION, FOLLOWING A 6- MONTH TRAINING TOUR WITH THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE IS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL GROUP OF PAPUA NEW GUINEANS WHOM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ASKED TO TRAIN IN ANTICIPATION OF THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA. KAREPA IS A GRADUATE OF THE LAW SCHOOL IN SYDNEY. A BACHELOR WHO IS VERY OUTGOING, SOCIABLE AND ENJOYS A GOOD TIME, KAREPA IS BOTH RESPONSIBLE AND SERIOUS WHEN IT COMES TO SUBSTANTIVE UN ISSUES. WHILE WITH THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION HE COVERED DECOLONIZATION MATTERS.

2. KAREPA HAS ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDLY TOWARDS THE U.S. AS WELL AS OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES. HE IS NOT ONLY WILLING TO STUDY OUR POSITIONS BUT OFTEN SEEKS OUT OUR THOUGHTS ON VARIOUS ISSUES. HE APPEARS TO HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS IN THE UN, INCLUDING RADICAL AFRICANS AND EASTERN BLOC. HE HAS, HOWEVER, A BASIC PHILOSOPHICAL COMMITMENT TO WESTERN INSTITUTIONS AND IDEAS, AND WE WOULD ASSESS HIM AS A VERY OBJECTIVE, RATIONAL AND FAIR DIPLOMAT. OF THE FIVE NEW COUNTRIES WHICH JOINED THE UN LAST YEAR, PAPUA NEW GUINEA WAS ONE OF THE ONLY ONES THAT DID NOT

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AUTOMATICALLY JOIN THE RADICAL BLOC. WE BELIEVE EMBASSY

PORT MORESBY WILL ENJOY AN OPEN AND FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIP  
WITH KAREPA.  
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